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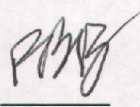
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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

December 16, 2013

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Cotton Thomas Quarries	Permit Number: M/003/0024
Operator Name: Star Stone Quarries, Inc.	Inspection Date: June 5, 2013
Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler, Steve Schneider, DOGM	Time: 2:00 pm
Other Participants: None	Mine Status: Active

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:
Routine Inspection.

Inspection Summary:

The annual permit fee for this year has been paid. The Division holds a reclamation surety of \$166,100 for the approved 66 acres. Escalation for this surety is not due until April 2017.

While there was no activity during this inspection, there have been significant changes since the last inspection. Most of the palletted stone has now been removed from the site, Equipment, including excavators, and loaders ere observed at some of the individual pit area. There was also a couple of storage pods (that appeared to be converted to bunk houses) near the top of the ridge. There is also a couple of house (or large camp trailer) frames that were observed – one in the buckskin pit area and the other near the road that leads to the Briggs Quarry. Other trash has been removed. In past inspections, the noxious weed, black henbane, was observed. The operator has been working to control this weed, no seedlings were observed during this inspection (this does not necessarily mean the weed has been eradicated – the operator still should continue to monitor for and control any new plants that do show up).

Photos were taken to document site conditions

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator is working on updating the maps for this site. Once completed, the permit may need to be amended. Continue to monitor this site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature

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